

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method of recognising command related
5 items in a body of object code, such as command names
and/or associated option names involves entering a list of
required command names and/or option names in programming
language form into a filter table. The object code is then
scanned for all bit strings potentially representing
10 command names and identifying such names. For each
potential command name, succeeding bits are then examined
for bits which represent valid options for each said
command name so as to further confirm the identity of
commands having valid combinations of command names and/or
15 options. Optionally, the command/option syntax may also be
checked. The candidate commands, including options, now
identified in programming language form are then compared
with the entries in the filter table to determine whether
or not they match the required list, which may be further
20 refined by use of logical operators.